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Progress under PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work related to Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is going on at a very slow pace in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;

(b) whether the Government has identified the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise including Jharkhand;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government to expedite the construction of roads?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (d): 'Rural Roads' is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations in the core network. Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is done by the State Governments. During 2016-17, the target fixed for PMGSY in terms of road length is 48,812 Km against which States have completed 40,010.37 km till 28th February 2017. The target fixed and achievement State-wise including Jharkhand during 2016-17 upto February, 2017 are given at Annexure.

Some of the reasons reported by the States for delay in initiating and completing PMGSY road works are: -

i. Inadequate execution capacity of the Programme Implementation Units (PIUs).

ii. Most of the construction materials such as cement, steel, bitumen, machinery, personnel handle machinery etc. are not locally available.

iii. Lack of contracting capacity as well as non-availability of basic road making equipment such as road roller, crushing plants, dumper/dipper and trucks.

iv. Non-availability of land or the land falling under forest areas.

v. Law and order problem in some parts of the States.

vi. Adverse climatic conditions during some parts of the year.

(e): For accelerated execution of PMGSY, the Ministry of Rural Development in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and the State Governments, has formulated an Action Plan to substantially achieve the target of the Scheme early by March, 2019. The fund sharing pattern of PMGSY has been made in the ratio of 60:40 between the Centre and the States for all States except for 8 North Eastern and 3 Himalayan States for which it is be 90:10.

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